

VASSILIDAI'S ELEMENTARY and JOSH STEVENS FOUNDATION



BE KIND...



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Dear Vassiliadis Families,

Vassiliadis is going to be teaming up with the Josh Stevens Foundation again this year to be a Be Kind school and help spread the simple, yet powerful Be Kind message. The Josh Stevens Foundation's belief is genuine kindness born in the heart of a child deserves celebration. Their mission is to recognize and celebrate a child's heartfelt kind acts and to inspire more people to be more kind, more often. They have enlisted more than 350 schools in ten states and we are thrilled to have the opportunity to continue to be a part of their "Kindness Revolution".

"Josh Stevens was a unique spirit – full of life, with a heart as big as a lion and enough love to share with everyone he encountered. One month before Josh's 13th birthday, he lost his life in a tragic accident. His time on Earth was much too short, but his Kind heart and spirit will live forever through his unique brand of Kindness. His legacy continues to inspire. The Josh Stevens Foundation was created to honor his life and the example he set for us all to follow. Josh was always doing something Kind for someone else. We believe that when he was Kind to others, seeing how it made them feel, it inspired him to pour out more Kindness. This is how and why we came up with The Josh Stevens Foundation and the Be Kind... like Josh program. It's a simple way to "catch" someone and let them know that their genuine Kindness can change the world."

The Foundation has created the "You've Been Caught Being Kind" cards. These cards will be presented to children "caught" being kind by members of the Vassiliadis staff. The card includes a few congratulatory words, Josh's inspirational story, and a Be Kind bracelet. The purpose of the Josh Stevens Foundation and the kindness card is to celebrate kindness and remind all of us we live in a world in need of more acts of kindness. We know it is exciting for students to be recognized, but also know that not every kind act will be caught. We hope to continue Josh's legacy of kindness and become a true Be Kind school where we do kind things just to be kind, not wanting anything in return.

Our Vassiliadis Be Kind shirt this year is a gray color with a hockey themed slogan, "Be Kind...Vegas Born." Every Monday (or first day of school for the week), will be our "Be Kind Shirt Day" where all staff, students, parents, and friends are encouraged to wear their Be Kind t-shirts to promote our Be Kind message.

We are looking forward to another year of our Be Kind program at Vassiliadis ES and know the many small acts of kindness that will be shown throughout the year will make a big difference.

Thank you,
Vassiliadis Staff

*Quoted text taken directly from www.joshstevensfoundation.org – visit their website to learn more about the Josh Stevens Foundation and to order specialized Be Kind shirts.